



memo no: 2051

Dated 26.5.2020

OFFICE ORDER

**Re: Situation arising due to outbreak of
the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

In the wake of the prevailing situation arising due to outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), after considering the prevailing situation in the state of Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh where the conditions of lockdown and the Containment Zone continues and with a view to ensure the safety of the Advocates, Staff and Litigants; the Hon'ble Tribunal has resolved that w.e.f. 01.06.2020 the following arrangements shall be put into operation, till further orders, on the working days of the Tribunal.

1. **All types of cases**, in which there is urgency, shall be entertained by the Hon'ble Tribunal. However, the urgency shall be determined by the Hon'ble Tribunal by way of mentioning to be made through the official website of the Tribunal.

2. **Hearing of the Appeals:**

- i) The hearing of the cases shall be conducted by way of video conferencing only through the software 'Webex'. However, in case of technical failure therein, the hearing may be conducted through 'WhatsApp' or 'Google Duo' video calling as per the convenience of the Hon'ble Tribunal. The joining and disconnecting of the Video-conferencing/video calling shall be at the end of the Hon'ble Tribunal.
- ii) The Advocates/Litigants concerned shall ensure that the Room from where he/she intends to appear before the Court through Video-Conferencing or Video Call is free from all source of disturbances. It shall be ensured that judicial proceedings are conducted with courtesies and protocol as are being observed during regular proceedings before the Tribunal. No other person except the Advocate/Litigant be allowed in the Room from where Litigant/Advocate is appearing through Video-conferencing/Video Call facility.
- iii) The Hon'ble Tribunal shall conduct the video-conference from their Court Room or Chamber and the Ld. Counsel/Party/Advocate

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General etc. shall be joined for the video-conference/video-calling from his place.

- iv) The Advocates are requested to co-operate in this prevailing situation of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for the safety purpose of health. While addressing arguments through video conferencing Advocates/Litigants are advised to wear proper dress. No person shall be allowed to enter the building of this Tribunal without wearing MASK. They shall also maintain social distancing as per Government Norms.

By order of the Hon'ble Chairman



**Registrar
HREAT, Chandigarh
26.05.2020**